

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on March 26, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bob Lyon, excused

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Bob Alderson, Casey's General Stores, Inc.
Mike Thornbrugh, and Tim Heuback, Quik Trip
Brenda Ellsworth, Pete's Corp.
Frances Kastner, Kansas Food Dealers
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington opened the hearing on:

SB 636—Alcoholic beverages; one-strength beer

Theresa Kiernan presented an explanation of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Bob Longino, Alcoholic Beverage Control, presented written testimony neutral to the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Bob Alderson, Casey's General Stores, Inc., presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mr. Alderson then presented a chart entitled, "Alcoholic content-selected beers." ([Attachment 4](#))

Tim Heuback, Quik Trip Corporation, presented testimony in favor of the bill with the assistance of Mike Thornbrugh. ([Attachment 5](#))

Brenda Ellsworth, Pete's Corporation, presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Frances Kastner, Kansas Food Dealers, presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities, presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

The committee clarified the difference between percentage alcohol by volume and by weight.

Mr. Alderson stated that the term "one-strength beer" is a misnomer because it is really about the singular classification of cereal malt beverage products.

Mr. Alderson stated that following the increase in the age limit of those allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages, grocery stores lost the business of 18-20 year olds, and 21 year olds bought stronger alcohol at liquor stores.

In response to a question from Senator Barnett, Mr. Heuback stated that there was a 95% compliance rate with internal checks of sales, and sales people are given training in the subject.

Following further discussion, Chairperson Harrington stated that the committee would hear from opponents next Tuesday.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE at on March 26, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2002 in Room 245-N.